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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ACCEPTANCE OF WASTE TIRE
CLEANUP AND AMNESTY EVENT GRANT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to accept a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to assist in funding Countywide waste tire cleanup programs and collection events.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Accept a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to fund the clean up of waste tires illegally dumped within the County road right of way and to partially fund six waste tire collection events throughout the County where residents may drop off their waste tires to be recycled free of charge.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the Board action is to accept the State Grant. This action is necessary for the County to receive grant funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to implement the County's waste tire cleanup and collection program. The grant is funded through the State's "Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Projects and Amnesty Events" grant program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by securing external funding sources for projects that are beneficial to communities and the environment; and Community Services (Goal 6) by providing responsive waste management services, thereby improving the quality of life for Los Angeles County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost for the removal and disposal of waste tires from the County road right of way is \$70,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Solid Waste Management Fund budget, which will be reimbursed through the grant.

The estimated cost for the six waste tire amnesty collection events (collection events) is \$150,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Solid Waste Management Fund budget. Funding from this grant in the amount of \$90,000 will be utilized to partially reimburse the cost to conduct the collection events. This grant will result in a net cost to the Solid Waste Management Fund of \$60,000. The Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale will contribute in-kind services, which will consist of providing collection sites, local outreach, and traffic control for the two collection events in the Antelope Valley.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In February 2008 Public Works submitted a grant application to the CIWMB under their "Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant Programs." At their May 20, 2008, meeting, the CIWMB recommended the grant application for funding.

Of the total \$160,000 grant amount awarded, \$70,000 will be used to fund the collection and disposal of waste tires illegally dumped within County road right of way. Facilitating the cleanup and disposal of illegally dumped tires will greatly benefit residents living in

the various communities throughout the County. Waste tires disposed of on public roadways and alleys have negative impacts on community aesthetics, vehicular and pedestrian accessibility, and the health and safety of neighborhoods, particularly when disposed of in the vicinity of schools, residences, and community facilities. Stockpiled waste tires have the potential to serve as nesting areas for rodents and breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which can spread the West Nile virus and other illnesses.

The remaining grant funding in the amount of \$90,000 will be used to fund six waste tire collection events which will enable residents to drop off their waste tires to be recycled free of charge. The collection events will be conducted during Fiscal Year 2008-09 at various locations throughout the County, including two events in the Antelope Valley in partnership with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

The County has established a long partnership with these two cities to previously conduct events in this region, which has a serious problem with illegally dumped tires. The grant is also structured whereby up to three regional jurisdictions may co-apply to receive up to \$30,000 per jurisdiction. In this case, the three co-applicants are the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and the County (lead agency). The grant will reimburse the event costs for the loading, hauling, and recycling of waste tires. It will also reimburse for a small portion of the organizing and publicity of the events, which happens to be the bulk of event costs. Due to these restrictions, there are excess funds from the grant to subsidize four smaller events in the Los Angeles basin that the County conducts as part of its Waste Tire Recycling Program. These four events in the basin for this grant are tentatively scheduled for the cities of Hawthorne, Duarte, Burbank, and Industry. The cities for events in the basin typically provide a host facility and help distribute outreach but are not requested to contribute financially. The County rotates and spreads the events in the basin throughout different cities in the County.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of State and Federal grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your review prior to the departments conducting activities covered under this grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for this grant is attached.

On March 21, 2006, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute agreements and any amendments needed to secure grants with the CIWMB.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As indicated above, the grant funds will be used to finance the collection

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and proper disposal of waste tires illegally dumped along the County's road right of way and which activity is within a class of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Additionally, the grant funds will be used to finance collection events to encourage and facilitate the recycling of waste tires by the public, and which activity is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The collection events are a facet of the County's Integrated Waste Management Program, which is a component of the Los Angeles County Source Reduction and Recycling Element adopted in 1993. In addition, the project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

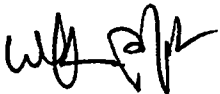
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The grant will augment the County's operations to maintain clean and traversable roadways and the County's Integrated Waste Tire Management Program by providing free tire recycling services to County residents.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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WTF:DDE
FMR:cw

Attachment

c: County Counsel
Public Works (Programs Development; Road Maintenance)

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works

Grant Project Title and Description:

Waste Tire Cleanup and Collection Events FY 2008-09

This Waste Tire Program consists of two components: (1) Cleanup projects, and (2) Collection Events.

Cleanup Projects - Collect and dispose of illegally dumped waste tires from County road right of ways. The estimated cost is \$70,000.

Collection Events - Conduct six waste tire collection events, which enable residents to drop off their waste tires to be recycled, free of charge. Two of the collection events will be conducted in the Antelope Valley in partnership with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale. Four collection events will take place at various locations throughout the Los Angeles basin. The estimated cost for the collection events is \$150,000.

Funding Agency:
California Integrated Waste
Management Board

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #):
Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Projects and
Amnesty Event Grant Program

**Grant Acceptance
Deadline:**
Upon Board approval

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$160,000

County Match: \$60,000 (hard cost)*

Grant Period: 12 months

Begin Date: July 2008

End Date: June 2009

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0 Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes: No: N/A

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes: No: N/A

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes: X ** No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes: No:

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below) Yes: No:

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes: No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: (NA)

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

* The Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster will provide an in-kind match through the provision of collection sites, public outreach, and traffic control.

** This program will be continued by the County in accordance with the Source Reduction and Recycling Element adopted by the Board in 1993 to meet the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Act (AB 939).

Department Head Signature: TW Hoagland

Date: 6/25/08